

Response Under 37 CFR 1.116

Expedited Procedure

Examining Group 1625

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REMARKS

Claims 36-38 and 55 are currently pending. Claims 1-35, 39-54, and 56-70 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

Applicants are pleased to note that the Examiner has indicated that claims 36-38 are allowable and claim 55 would be allowable if rewritten independent of claim 47.

Claim 38 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error in which an open parentheses was used instead of an open bracket, the correction indicated in bold as follows:

(4S,5R)-4-hydroxy-4-((1E,3S)-3-hydroxy-1-buteneyl]-3,3,5-trimethyl cyclohexanone
has been corrected to

(4S,5R)-4-hydroxy-4-[(1E,3S)-3-hydroxy-1-buteneyl]-3,3,5-trimethyl cyclohexanone.

Claim 55 has been amended to be independent of claim 47, and includes the pertinent limitations of claim 47 without including the non-elected subject matter of claim 43.

No new matter has been added to the application by the foregoing amendments. It is believed that the foregoing amendments place the claims in condition for allowance, therefore entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

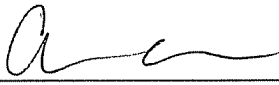
Claim 70 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for reasons of record. Since claim 70 has been cancelled, this rejection is moot. Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, allowance of claims 36-38 and 55 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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